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Prior to examining the above captioned and enclosed patent application, please amend it as follows.

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**Specification Amendments** are summarized on page 3 and are contained in the enclosed Marked-Up Version of the Specification.

**Claim Amendments** begin on page 4.

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## STATUS

This patent application is the U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/JP2005/012350, having an International Filing Date of July 4, 2005, which was published under International Publication No. WO2006/004095 on January 12, 2006, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. JP2004-198065, having a filing date of July 5, 2004, the specifications of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.